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Deborah Tate  
FCC Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Deborah Tate:

I am disgusted to learn that I am being forced to help pay for scenes describing bestiality and other depraved behavior on the FX network's Nip/Tuck with my cable subscription. In the episode that aired on September 26, a plastic surgeon treats a female patient who says her nipple was torn off when she tried to break up a dogfight. She is desperate to have the injury repaired and undetectable before her husband returns from Iraq. The husband returns after the surgery and confronts her in the doctor's office, revealing that she used peanut butter to seduce her dog and implying that her nipple was actually torn off when she was having sex with the dog. It is outrageous that this kind of material is airing on television - period. Nip/Tuck is not my choice, and I don't want it coming into my home. But it is inexcusable for the cable industry to force me to pay for this content with my monthly cable subscription.

The solution is so simple - but so far Congress has done nothing but appease the deep-pocketed cable industry. What about consumers' rights?

Give us cable choice. Offering parents the ability to choose the channels they want, and to pay only for those channels, puts power back in the hands of the consumer - of parents - and forces the producers of indecent or violent programming to fund their own raunch. It is the only fair solution. Why should I be forced to pay for programming that insults my intelligence and assaults my values just to gain access to a handful of channels I can watch with my family. The cable industry has been carried on the backs of American consumers long enough. It is time for this extortion to end.

Sincerely,

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